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STATE REPRESENTATIVE LUIS R. GARCIA, JR. RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

TALLAHASSEE – State Rep. Luis Garcia (D-Miami) is designated to serve on the Education Commission of the States (ECS), under an appointment made July 1 by Florida House Speaker Larry Cretul.

The ECS is a national committee comprised of legislators and other public officials from throughout the nation. Its mission is to help states develop effective policy and practices for public education by providing analysis, data, leadership, and research. It also aims to be a forum for exchanging ideas and promoting long-range education policy strategy.

As a commissioner on the ECS, Representative Garcia will work alongside other legislators to formulate sound education policies for the state of Florida and the nation.

"I am honored to accept this appointment," said Representative Garcia. "The future of Florida's educational system has always been one of my biggest concerns. I am eager to make use of this opportunity to improve Florida's educational system and to bring meaningful change to benefit all of our state's students, teachers and parents."

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